



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to allocate Public Benefit Program funds to create the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project, and to execute a contract with the Rising Sun Energy Center (RSEC) to provide initial coordination and technical/training support for this residential program (\$25,000) (EUD)

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2003

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to allocate \$25,000 in Public Benefit Program funds to create the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project, and to execute a contract with the Rising Sun Energy Center to provide initial coordination and training support for this low-income residential customer program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: One of the primary goals of the Lodi Public Benefits Program is the creation of innovative and useful customer programs. The Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project truly meets this goal.

In partnership with the Rising Sun Energy Center, the City of Lodi Electric Utility proposes to implement a program designed to assist low-income residential customers in reducing their monthly energy expenses, while at the same time, providing useful skills training to Lodi youth.


Specifically, the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands will train Lodi teenagers (target audience is 15 to 18 year olds) in the area of basic energy conservation/efficiency. This will include the installation of designated and proven energy efficiency measures, such as: compact fluorescent lamps, retractable clotheslines, programmable HVAC thermostats, weather-stripping and door sweeps, low-flow shower heads, and water heater pipe wrap. Once the youth trainees are appropriately trained, they will then take their new energy conservation installation skills to the home's of low-income residential customers, and/or elderly shut-in's throughout our community.

The program goal is to retrofit between 250 and 300 residential customer sites, with the help of some fifty trained youth volunteers. The program would be coordinated on two different outings, the first being set for Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15, 2003. Another two-day campaign would be coordinated for early March, 2004.

In order to effectively implement the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project, the City of Lodi Electric Utility has created a working group here in Lodi to identify the youth volunteer team. The working group consists of neighborhood coalitions, religious youth/teen groups, non-profit organizations, school officials, and others.

Note: The RSEC is currently the only organization in northern California that specializes in the type of services being provided through the proposed Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project. The RSEC has coordinated similar projects in the Oakland and San Francisco areas. Due to their expertise and experience in this arena, the City of Lodi Electric Utility has selected the RSEC for this effort, and respectfully requests that the Lodi City Council dispense with going out to bid pursuant to Lodi Municipal Code 3.20.070.

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager



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Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project (continued)

The City of Lodi Electric Utility staff respectfully recommends approval of the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project as a qualifying component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program in the categories of demand-side management and assistance for low-income customers.

FUNDING: Public Benefits Fund - 164606 (Category: Assistance for Low-Income Customers)

Funding Approval:

Vicky McAthie
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

Alan N. Vallow

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Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Rob Lechner, Manager of Customer Service and Programs

ANV/RL/lst

C: City Attorney

APPROVED: _____

H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE PUBLIC BENEFITS
PROGRAM FUNDS TO CREATE THE LODI'S YOUTH
HELPING HANDS PROJECT

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WHEREAS, the state has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on an historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1 million per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Rising Sun Energy Center (RSEC), the City of Lodi Electric Utility proposes to implement a program designed to assist low-income residential customers in reducing their monthly energy expenses, while at the same time providing useful skills training to Lodi youth; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project will train Lodi teenagers (target audience is 15 to 18 year olds) in the area of basic energy conservation/efficiency. This will include the installation of designated and proven energy efficiency measures, such as: compact fluorescent lamps, retractable clotheslines, programmable HVAC thermostats, weather-stripping and door sweeps, low-flow shower heads, and water heater pipe wrap. Once the youth trainees are appropriately trained, they will then take their new energy conservation installation skills to the homes of low-income residential customers and/or elderly shut-in's throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, the program goal is to retrofit between 250 and 300 residential customer sites with the help of some fifty trained youth volunteers. The program would be coordinated on two different outings, the first being set for Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15, 2003. Another two-day campaign would be coordinated for early March, 2004; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectively implement the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project, the City of Lodi Electric Utility has created a working group here in Lodi to identify the youth volunteer team. The working group consists of neighborhood coalitions, religious youth/teen groups, non-profit organizations, school officials, and others; and

WHEREAS, the RSEC is currently the only organization in northern California that specializes in the type of services being provided through the proposed Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project. The RSEC has coordinated similar projects in the Oakland and San Francisco areas. Due to its expertise and experience in this arena, the City of Lodi Electric Utility has selected the RSEC for this effort, and respectfully requests that the Lodi City Council dispense with going out to bid pursuant to Lodi Municipal Code 3.20.070; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi Electric Utility staff respectfully recommends approval of the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project, as a qualifying component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program in the categories of demand-side management and assistance for low-income customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 to fund the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project.

Dated: September 3, 2003

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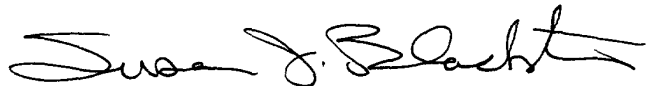
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2003-164 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held September 3, 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hitchcock

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk